

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 3, 2005. Claims 65 to 67, 78 to 80, 86, and 87 are in the application, with Claims 65 and 78 being independent. Claims 49 to 64, 68 to 77, and 81 to 85 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 65, 78, 86, and 87 have been amended herein.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

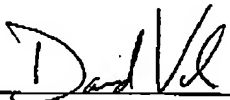
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 65 to 67 and 78 to 80. Claims 65 and 78 have been rewritten in independent form. Further, Claim 86 and 87 have been amended to depend from Claims 65 and 78, respectively. Accordingly, Claims 65 to 67, 78 to 80, 86, and 87 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 49 to 53, 82, 83, and 85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,176,908 (Bauer), Claim 84 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,681,381 (Auslander), and Claims 54 to 64, 68 to 77, 81, 86, and 87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,485,188 (Tochihara) in view of Bauer. (The Office Action inadvertently includes allowable Claims 65 to 67 and 78 to 80 in the list of rejected claims set forth at paragraph 3 of the Office Action.) Claims 49, 54, 68, 82, and 85 also received a provisional rejection for obviousness-type double patenting over Claim 1 of Application No. 10/629,620. The rejections are respectfully traversed and are submitted to have been obviated by the cancellation of Claims 49 to 64, 68 to 77, and 81 to 85, and by the amendments made to Claims 65, 78, 86, and 87.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courtously solicited.

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